Hotel de Geneve –
Sat. April 13th

Dearest Mum –

I conduct nite yesterday as upon arrival we were met by Mr Campos, (& the Gores who own the Hotel) at 6.30 – then C. announced he would like to come to the hotel at 8 – so we hurriedly washed faces & then flash lights & interview! also C. & Toledo announced there was a press evening last night – Friday! & that duly took place – in the Wagner hall – about 60 people, musicians, press, it seems Heifetz did that too – I really played well – Lalo – Slavic Dvorak, Brahms Hungarian Dance – Brahms Waltz, & Tartini variations – They really seemed en-thusiastic & Campos was overheard saying 3 concerts would certainly not be enough – The Gores full of enthusiasm – he Canadian from Vancouver – & the Conways English, but have lived in B.C. 20 years – (heard me there) – he is head of the Canadian Co that runs all the Mexican Light & Power Supply Co Trams etc – we asked them to the press recital & she has taken a box & will invite Mrs "Morrow" for to "morrow" – 11 am is evidently the cream of times to play here – The Gores have given us 2 rooms & bath 3rd floor, really it is a suite for $70 mex. a week – special terms – so that is decent – food about $1 american at the most for dinner & less for lunch – breakfast about 35 cts american Wagner & Lerien are sending an upright here which saves me taxi fares – & Mrs W. gets up about 11 and only does 1 hr besides rehearsal so that suits me! I can practice early – everyone up at 6.30 – 7 – so lovely & cool – very hot (dry) in the middle of the day & then cold again at night – very invigorating – & seems to suit me – fiddle sounds like Italy – My clothes

travelled well - & the iron works - everyone in chiffon & sick - so I am just about right - no coats - so I lug my fur - It is a lovely place - sort of Florence look to it, also like Java without the terrible heat - They (Campos) have arranged the second concert for Thursday & the 3rd next Sunday am - They thought that would be too soon Friday. They speak no English - but bring along nondescript men who translate - but I do quite a bit myself, & they are so pleased - Last night only about 3 mexican women - & the three English! the rest black shiney haired Mexicans - They all feel pleased that we came now - They all remark on it - & do I like Mexico!? - I shall phone the Legation - he a widower & generally goes out of town Sundays! - The managers are just going out for Mexican support as they say the foreigners never go to concerts - Thursday though is a big Anglo American Amateur Dramatic So. "Arms & the Man" - & Mrs Conway wants them to change - they may - but say all printing is done & up to now no English or Americans ever have supported anything Musical - so for a possible 10 tickets They evidently don't wish to incur expense - & I must say I see their point - I am passive in the matter - & told Campos to do what was best for us both - he says Thurs - is best for Mexicans & seemed quite indifferent when Mrs Conway spoke to him Mrs Beck called yesterday - left last night for USA - but was very sorry & we thought it decent of her when in the midst of packing for daughter's wedding to phone two or three hotels here to find Mrs W. so much for Mrs W. staying there! - The Gores had put flowers in the rooms - roses, lillies, sweet peas etc - & both beds in one room! I soon politely but firmly altered that - & gave Mrs the best room - though mine is quieter & looks out over an open space to the Palace - Saw the flower market - very pretty but nothing like Florence - they seem to sell more in the streets though Bougainvilla all over the houses! Hibiscus! Cacti, roses - etc -

I'll now translate the remarks in the paper & then set to work - will write after tomorrow's affair - I think I'll wear my yellow - 11 am is a perfect hour to know what to wear - I wore the pink last night - & afterwards I thought it overdressed - but Mrs Conway & the others all mentioned it & said the men took it as a great compliment that we dressed up - so there you are - Imagine the yellow one crushed more than anything! Fearful to iron! nice soft water - & plenty of boiling - Clean hotel - the Swedish descent - at present not a blaga - After tomorrow I can send off p. cs - but as present there is one thing to do! -

Mrs W. sends love & says to tell you however Goddesses play "I did" & feels so sleepy! so that is the message. I really did knock up - but that is rather a thing after such a trip - & it was so tiring & dusty - & to have that sprung on one! but the climate is invigorating - too much so really - but that helped me through -

The dogs bark all night & cocks crow - you can hear every sound for miles around - & there is a hermit thrush singing - the knife grinder has a whistle & passes playing a tune like a Chinese one - I must try & get it -

Mrs Joe gives a lunch next Friday for all Mrs W's old friends who are still here - & the other people will all start lunches & teas next week -

A nice gentle people these peasants - & lovely soft voices - & they sing their talk - so pretty -

Much much love - I hope soon to hear from you -

Kathleen

just washed my face in a Mango! rather a disappointment really - still the old flavour! I already fell for a pot! 50 cts me - marked with black & a deep shape with handles something like -!

Mr. Weldon of the Bank of Montreal has just called up to ask to give a dinner for us Monday night. old friends of Whiffens he's a Canadian - sends his car - dine at 8.15! Sounds nice doesn't it?

My name is on all the theatre notice boards KATHLEEN - looks sort of Aztec!